

FUND TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME PROGRAM
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR MARCH 22, 2017

A Fund to Combat Violent Crime Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, in the Paradee Building, 69 Transportation Circle, Dover, Delaware. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Coupe at 10:00 a.m. A roll call of Committee Members and introduction of attendees was completed. Those in attendance included:

Committee and Staff:

The Honorable Robert M. Coupe

The Honorable Matt Denn

Major Robert Hudson

Chief Randall L. Hughes

Fred Calhoun, III

Lisa Morris

Carol Lee

Secretary, Department of Safety and Homeland
Security, Committee Chair

Attorney General for the State of Delaware

Delaware State Police for Col. McQueen

Georgetown Police Department

President, FOP, Delaware State Lodge

Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice

DSHS Grant Administrator

Interested Parties:

Maj. Marvin Mailey

Captain Darin Cathell

Chief Paul Anthony

Chief William Bryson

Chief Christopher Workman

Chief Levi D. Brown

Chief Norman Barlow

Chief Kenneth Brown

Capt. Gary Bailey

Lt. Michael Bradshaw

Lt. Benjamin Feldmann

Capt. Thomas Donlon

Capt. Michael VanCampen

Chief Keith Banks

Chief W. Scott Collins

Chief Martin Willey

Chief Wayne Kline

Captain Douglas Messick

Asst. State Fire Marshal Michael Chionchio

Director John Yeomans

Chief Harry Downes

Chief John Horsman

Thomas Brackin

Dover Police Department

Bethany Beach Police Department

Blades Police Department

Chairman, Delaware Police Chiefs' Council

Cheswold Police Department

Felton Police Department

Harrington Police Department

Milford Police Department

Milford Police Department

New Castle County Police Department

New Castle County Police Department

New Castle City Police Department

Newark Police Department

Rehoboth Beach Police Department

Selbyville Police Department

Wyoming Police Department

DNREC, Natural Resources Police

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Office of the State Fire Marshal

Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement

Delaware State University

Capitol Police

President, Delaware State Troopers' Association

Secretary Coupe reviewed the objective of the meeting: The Committee would review submitted amendments and consider them for approval. Also, Fund guideline revisions would be considered for approval.

Secretary Coupe asked about the status of the minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting; and Carol Lee stated that they had not been prepared, but would be available by the next meeting date.

The following amendments were reviewed and voted on as follows:

V-29-17 Lewes Police Department

Applicant requests to move \$5,408.68 from the Motorola APX600 portable radio line and \$341.32 from the Canon SX410 camera line to a new line for Lexipol Policy Manual and Daily Training Service totaling \$5,750.00 as shown below:

| Line | Approved Budget | Change Requested | Amended Budget |
|--|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Paraclete Ballistic Helmets (13) | \$ 3,299.27 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,299.27 |
| Vehicle Prisoner Partitions (4) | 3,996.00 | 0.00 | 3,996.00 |
| Setina Single Prisoner Vehicle Partitions (2) | 2,980.00 | 0.00 | 2,980.00 |
| Canon Power Shot SX410 cameras and access. (6) | 1,439.82 | -341.32 | 1,098.50 |
| Sig Sauer Patrol Rifle Racks, installed (7) | 4,284.98 | 0.00 | 4,284.98 |
| Motorola APX6000 Mobile Radio and access. (3) | 8,113.02 | -5,408.68 | 2,704.34 |
| Lexipol Policy Manual and Daily Training Service | 0.00 | +5,750.00 | 5,750.00 |
| Totals | \$24,113.09 | \$ 0.00 | \$24,113.09 |

Fred Calhoun stated his concern about this request being an operating cost and, therefore, not meeting the guidelines. Carol Lee reminded the Committee that there was lengthy discussion on this topic at the September meeting and the Committee came to a consensus that Lexipol would be approved for funding as a first year start-up cost only. Chief Hughes supported the statement that this was what had been agreed upon.

Hearing no further discussion, Secretary Coupe asked for a motion.

Motion for Approval: Chief Hughes made a motion to approve the request with the previously stated understanding that it would be approved for first year start-up cost only. AG Denn seconded this motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was approved by the committee members (4-1) as stated.

V-26-17 Cheswold Police Department

Applicant requests to move \$379.54 from the Overtime line and \$7,747.04 from the In-Car Video/Body Camera line to a new line for Security and Interview Room Cameras totaling \$8,126.58 as shown below:

| Line | Approved Budget | Change Requested | Amended Budget |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Overtime | \$ 2,272.96 | \$ -379.54 | \$ 1,893.42 |
| In-Car Video/Body Cameras | 7,747.04 | -7,747.04 | 0.00 |
| Security and Interview Room Cameras | 0.00 | +8,126.58 | 8,126.58 |
| Totals | \$10,020.00 | 0.00 | \$10,020.00 |

Fred Calhoun stated his concern about this request also being an operating cost and, therefore, not meeting the guidelines. Chief Bryson stated that this was an item that had previously been approved for funding. Maj. Hudson read from the guidelines under Chapter IV “What May Funds to Combat Violent Crime be used for?” and stated he felt this request fell within the guidelines.

Hearing no further discussion, Secretary Coupe asked for a motion.

Motion for Approval: Chief Hughes made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Maj. Hudson seconded this motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was approved by the committee members (4-1).

V-25-17 Rehoboth Beach Police Department

Applicant requests to move \$4,040.00 from the Fixed Boardwalk Camera and Antenna line and \$16,434.00 from the Portable Camera Kits w/ Modem line for a total of \$19,995.00 to a new line for Bench-top Cyanoacrylate Fuming Chamber and Forensic Processing Workstation and \$479.00 into Overtime as shown below:

| Line | Approved Budget | Change Requested | Amended Budget |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Overtime | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ + 479.00 | \$ 3,479.00 |
| Training | 2,806.00 | 0.00 | 2,806.00 |
| Fixed Boardwalk Camera and Antenna | 4,040.00 | -4,040.00 | 0.00 |
| Portable Camera Kits w/ Modem | 16,434.00 | -16,434.00 | 0.00 |
| Bench-top Cyanoacrylate Fuming Chamber and Forensic Processing Workstation | 0.00 | +19,995.00 | 19,995.00 |
| Public Educational Program Supplies | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Totals | \$29,280.00 | 0.00 | \$29,280.00 |

Chief Banks stated he was in attendance to answer any questions.

Hearing no discussion, Secretary Coupe asked for a motion.

Motion for Approval: Maj. Hudson made a motion to approve the request. Fred Calhoun seconded this motion. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved as requested by the committee members.

Sec. Coupe introduced the subject of the FCVC guidelines revision. DAG Lisa Morris stated that she and Carol Lee reviewed the guidelines. It appeared that some information had been copied and pasted from other grants and was not applicable to this grant. These items have been removed from the guidelines. DAG Morris emphasized that requests for funding must show a direct nexus to a reduction of violent crime. Violent crimes are defined in the statute. A list, current at the time of printing, is provided in the guidelines. In the guidelines there are examples of what the funding can be used for. A list of previously approved items will be prepared. An electronic grant management system is also being considered. The explanation must detail how the requested items will reduce violent crime. As before, a list of the type of items that can be approved and another list of examples of things the funds cannot be used for are included. Approval of all requests are at the Committee’s discretion as long as it meets the criteria of being specifically related to the reduction of violent crime. Chief Bryson brought up for discussion the request made by Wilmington Police Department at a meeting in August to utilize funding for payment of

their Shotspotter subscription. DAG Morris stated that while she wasn't in attendance at the August meeting, a major expenditure like that sounded like it would be an allowable expenditure based on technology. Mr. Calhoun stated his concern was with the fact that the original Wilmington request was for overtime and they changed the request saying that they don't have the people to work the overtime. Mr. Calhoun stated the original intention of this grant program was to put cops on the street. Sec. Coupe replied that it may have been the spirit of the conversations that Mr. Calhoun was privy to because of his position, but the statute that came out of it states differently. Tom Brackin elaborated on how the initiative to establish the Fund to Combat Violent Crimes came about. Chief Bryson asserted his belief that the intent was to fight violent crime and the overtime initiative together. He also stated that the Fund must operate under the statute and smaller agencies would have the money to fight violent crime by this utilizing this money together with pooling resources. Discussion continued on the subject of utilizing part-time officers for overtime. Chief Hughes stated that overtime may not always be the best way to combat violent crime and that there are multiple ways of combating violent crime. He stated his belief that an efficient, effective agency is much more capable of combating violent crime. Capt. Tom Donlon added that there was absolutely a nexus to violent crime and cameras. Mr. Calhoun felt that cameras should be put on officers first. Every protection should be afforded them--cars and body cameras. Chief Workman commented on the cost for body cameras--on-going cost of approximately \$20,000 for a small department. Cameras are a recurring cost and recurring costs are refused by the Committee. Cameras are approved for one year only. Chief Workman stated that was a discussion that municipalities have had and have a big problem with. AG Denn stated that what we have is what was written and it puts the Committee in a tough spot. Because of the way it is written, difficult decisions sometimes have to be made. Perhaps the original bill specifically mentioned OT and then later versions added many other things. He stated he approves applications that fit into the statute. You would need to go back to the legislators and ask them to narrow what can be approved. If what we really want is officer-centered and equipment that is on the officer or attached to the officer, then we need to get that changed. He stated he was not sure that anything could be fixed today and not sure the statute allowed for it. Sec. Coupe stated the new wording does empower the Committee better and that we may not always agree, but the democratic process allows us to do that. Discussion on this topic was concluded as Sec. Coupe stated he looked forward to additional discussion as we are not prepared to approve it today. Lisa Morris stated that we did not expect approval today, but wanted to provide a clean copy that did not include guidelines pinched from other grant guidelines. AG Denn asked if a request for feedback for discussion could be provided so that so the Committee can vote on approval of the new guidelines at the next meeting. A short discussion ensued on the need for technology to be approved by DTI or DelJIS. Sec. Coupe noted it as another topic to be revisited.

New Business:

Chief John Horsman addressed the Committee and meeting participants to make everyone aware that 10 police agencies are prepared to champion legislation to include them as eligible to submit application for the Fund to Combat Violent Crime. He stated that while they do address violent crime—8,000 criminal arrests and 900 tickets last year, they are not included in the FCVC because they are not DSP and not municipal agencies. They wanted to let the Committee know that they intend to push this legislation forward. Chief Bryson: I don't think the state agencies were intentionally left out. Sec. Coupe: I appreciate your bringing this up today. Asst. State Fire Marshal Michael Chionchio stated the ranks of the State Fire Marshal's Office includes 20 full-time law enforcement officers. Major Hudson expressed a concern about the funds being used for increasing budgets instead of fighting violent crime.

DATE Director John Yeomans explained that handling incidents that may include drug trafficking morphs them into a law enforcement agency. He thinks there is a lack of knowledge on the part of elected officials on what these partner agencies do. Chiefs Paul Anthony and Kenneth Brown made statements supporting the assistance they have been given by DATE. DNREC Natural Resources Police Chief Wayne Kline stated that this funding would allow them to get much needed equipment.

The discussion on new business was concluded and the meeting was adjourned.